

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Allan Evans, State (INR)
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SUBJECT : Request for Preparation of National Intelligence
Estimate on Chinese Communist Strategic Warning

1. Attached for your information is a copy of a letter from the Director, DIA, to the Chairman of USIB proposing, on CINCPAC's recommendation, that a SNIE be prepared on "the likely extent of advance strategic warning in the event of the introduction of large-scale Chinese Communist combat forces into Southeast Asia."

2. We believe that this is a suitable subject for a judgment of the national intelligence community and propose to schedule a NIE, rather than a SNIE, for USIB consideration in May.

3. We are using this memorandum to determine reactions to the proposed paper because USIB is not scheduled to meet this week. Any USIB member who does not concur in the proposal or wishes to call for a discussion at the next USIB meeting should inform the USIB Secretariat [redacted] by close of business on Thursday, 9 March.

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